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Dear Charles:

I have your letter of June 15, 1992 and the enclosed disclosure for a new Beta case which is to provide a means of detecting the insertion and/or presence of a flavor insert in the electronic module of a smoking article.

As is recognized in the disclosure, the resistance sensing for the presence of and nature of materials is a common expedient and the patent art in this area should be fairly well developed. Under the circumstances, I think a novelty search would be in order. However, a meaningful search cannot be conducted without a much more detailed and elaborate patent disclosure. Please ask the inventors to prepare a supplemental disclosure including a circuit diagram or diagrams and additional description which would facilitate novelty searching.

I will assign this case to a young lawyer with supervision by Jeff Ingerman. This will likely be after I receive the additional disclosure requested.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Smith

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